

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 16-30 were allowed and claims 1-15 were rejected. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are requested.

Rejections Under Double Patenting

Claims 1-12 and 14-15 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 7, 8, 23, 24 and 26 of U.S. Patent No. 6,720,561, Baumgartner et al. (hereinafter "Baumgartner"). Further, claims 8 and 13 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Baumgartner in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,546,251, Schaffer et al. (hereinafter "Schaffer").

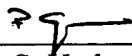
Applicants have noted the Examiner's rejection of pending claims under double patenting in view of Baumgartner. A terminal disclaimer to overcome the rejection is being filed with this Response. Therefore, the Applicants believe that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the remarks and amendments set forth above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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